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Giles family raises \$100,000 for UNCF

HASBROCK HEIGHTS—The eleventh annual "Evening of Elegance" sponsored by the Giles family of West Orange, New Jersey, was held in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, to benefit the United Negro College Fund. This year the "Evening of Elegance" raised a record \$100,000 for the Fund.

The \$150-a-plate black tie dinner had an attendance of over 350 notable corporate, civic and political leaders from across the country. Corporate sponsors included Matsushita Electric Corporation of America, Panasonic, SONY, GPU, Barcardi, MEDCO, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, New Jersey Bell, Merck, Anheuser Busch, Nabisco, Johnson Products, Prudential, Brown & Williamson, Hoffmann-La Roche, Woolworth, CoreStates, and Sergeant Security Systems.

The Giles family will present the check during the Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon, Saturday, January 8,

1994, 8:00 pm, at the Panasonic headquarters in Secaucus. (The telethon will be aired live over WPIX-TV Channel 11).

According to Deborah Stapleton, New Jersey director of UNCF, "Evening of Elegance" is the top fund raising event in the state for UNCF, and one of the top fund raising events in the nation, and we are proud to have Dr. and Mrs. Giles and the entire Giles family sponsor this affair for our benefit. It is with the Giles' ongoing support of our fund raising campaign that we are able to raise over \$2.5 million annually in the State of New Jersey for the College Fund."

EPC International, which is operated by the Giles family, has raised more than \$700,000 in the last eleven years for the UNCF. Giles, chairman of EPC International, expressed the support of his family by saying, "the historically black colleges and universities need our help, and we are

here to give something back to the community. Without the historically black colleges, the history of African-Americans would be lost. We must continue to support their efforts so that we can insure the future of our nation. The youth of today are the leaders of the future, and having top quality education available is what will make them a success."

Giles also serves as the chairman of the NJ UNCF Advisory Board and works with volunteers, churches, civic groups and organizations throughout the state to help support the UNCF mission.

Additional Giles family members involved with the production of the "Evening of Elegance" include: Sharon Giles Alexander, EPC president; William R. Giles, Jr., Executive Vice President; Will Alexander, Vice President of Sales; and Kevin Giles, Corporate Attorney.



(L-R) Virgil Eton, chief operating officer of the United Negro College Fund accepts a \$100,000 check from Arthes and William Giles, Sr. chairman of EPC International, Inc.

Photo by Allen Hertz

Harrington: Don't turn back

President N. J. State NAACP Branches tells gathering

PATERSON—Today, I greet you in the spirit of our historic freedom fighters, and in the continuing struggle of 20th century freedom builders and guardians of justice and equality for all," stated Elaine Harrington, State NAACP president in an address before the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP branches which recently met in Paterson, NJ.

Harrington said that "the recent November 2nd election yielded not only states of elected officials (including Governor) across this state, but it has also manifested an ugly face of possible imperfections."

She told the gathering that voters were willing to accept the outcome of the vote.

"However, the disclosure by Republican Campaign Consultant, Ed Rollins, has ushered in a cloud of dismay, distrust, slander, outrage, insult, and character—moral assassination. His disclosure to a group of reporters in Washington that Republicans, including the Whitman campaign team, approached some Black/African American ministers and urged them: 'don't get up in the Sunday pulpit, and say it's your moral obligation to vote on Tuesday.'"

"Further, it appears that his tone of the announcement was one of pride, arrogance, and sound strategy as he disclosed the use of \$500,000 of labeled "street money."

Having laid the groundwork, Harrington announced what she described as the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches challenges and demands. They are:

1. We denounce the alleged reported attack and possible relationship with our most solid center in the Black community, the Black church, and especially our leadership, the Black Pastor—Minister. Since its visible inception, the Black church has provided the leadership, schools, and the moral and spiritual support for those who were destined to live under the cloud of racism.

2. We cannot use the same brush to paint all of our ministers of the Black church. Only those who allowed themselves to be used in this alleged voting suppression and scandal will receive the "stroke of the brush." No one else! There is no doubt in my mind that ministers who actually preach and teach the word, best know the ramifications of the scriptural reference.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil; while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through many sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:10

Thus, an honest admission by the possible few would protect the integrity and dignity of the many Black ministers around this state.

3. Governor-Elect Whitman and her team, including Ed Rollins, must now present honest and factual information regarding any alleged relationship and financial arrangements with Black ministers of this state as related to Black Vote Suppression.

4. Although the NJ State Conference of NAACP is officially calling upon the United States Attorney General, Janet Reno, to investigate this matter and any possible federal Voting Rights violations, we also urge Governor-Elect Whitman to pursue a full investigation of same.

5. With this "election cloud" hanging over New Jersey, the State Conference of NAACP urges Christine Todd Whitman that she should not accept election certification until her name is cleared of this alleged Black Vote Suppression issue. We appeal to her in this vein.

6. Finally, we call upon all Branches of the State Conference of NAACP to continue the tradition and mandate of voter registration and participation.

Harrington concluded, "Yes, we stand here today on the legacy of the historic Amendment granting us the right and protection to vote; we stand on the legacy of freedom warriors as Medgar Wiley Evers and Martin Luther King, Jr.; and we rise to both the historic and modern mission of our Black churches.... And I charge you: 'Don't Turn Back for We've Come too Far' in this journey for our right to vote and participate in the political arena."

NAACP and LULAC fights take over of Paramount

SOUTH CAROLINA—Dr. William F. Gibson, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) National Board of Directors, has declared Telecommunications Incorporated (TCI) as "the worst discriminator in the telecommunications industry." And stated that only the Federal Communication Commission can stop John Malone, who has directed TCI in "amassing the most scandalous and devastating record of discrimination and misrepresentation about discrimination ever fostered on the public by a commission regulator."

As a result, the NAACP and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) recently filed a "Petition to Deny" the application of QVC Network the purchase of Paramount Communications. The petition was filed based on alleged non-compliance with the FCC's affirmative action and equal employment opportunity (EEO) rules by TCI Inc., QVC's major partner in the multi-billion dollar deal.

The 44-page petition—with 352 pages of exhibits—was filed by Dennis Courtland Hayes, general counsel for the NAACP and Everald Thomp-

son, associate general counsel for the NAACP; Eduardo Perez, national legal advisor of LULAC; and David Hoenig, general counsel of the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP.

Officials from both the NAACP and LULAC stated that they elected to file a "petition to deny," because Telecommunications, Inc.'s EEO record is so egregious that only a hearing can elicit the facts necessary to evaluate whether this company should even remain a commission regulated. "In no way must the Commission bestow on TCI and John Malone a \$10 billion

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District wins parent involvement award

NEWARK—The Newark school district has been honored for its efforts to get parents involved in the education of their children. The New Jersey School Boards Association presented the district with the NISBA Parent Involvement Award in the K-12 District category.

Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell said he's very proud of the honor. "NISBA officials said the quality of the entries were very high and there were many similarities among the programs implemented. However,

We're doing so many wonderful things with our parent resource center and were providing seminars, workshops, meetings, conferences and training sessions, as well as other activities designed to promote and encourage a parent/educator/community partnership in planning for a quality education for all children in the district."

"We do so much to ensure that parents continue to play an important role in the education of young people. This is something that the schools

can not do alone." It's estimated about 40 percent of the district's parents are active.

In its application for the award, the district highlighted the development of a parent resource center, which is open evenings as well as regular school hours, and the organization of the Newark Chapter 1 District Advisory Council to provide an opportunity for parent involvement in the district as a whole.

District assists in review of personnel records

NEWARK—In response to recent news reports that the district is denying access to personnel records, Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell said that an agreement had been reached weeks ago, between officials from the Newark school district and the State Department of Education, to ensure full and complete access to documents. Campbell stated "recent news reports said we would not share this information, that is simply not the case."

"Prior to publication of the most recent article, we had arranged for the investigators to review the requested records at our offices and we made copies of any documents they requested. He emphasized that the agreement was made weeks ago immediately after a subpoena was issued for the records."

Campbell explained that the information requested by the state was so voluminous that it was more sen-

sible for the investigators to come into the district to examine the records. "And since they may not be interested in everything, in a particular person's file, it just made more sense for us to not copy loads of documents they may not have use for, but rather make available to them everything, and then make copies of what they need."

The executive superintendent said initially he was hesitant about releasing the information. "We were concerned about our liability if we released the personnel records," Campbell also stated that he does not wish to interfere with the state's probe of the district. "We are continuing to cooperate with the state during this investigation. We are also continuing to insist that all requests for documents be in writing in order to have a record of which documents are requested and when. For the most part, we have about a 24-hour turnaround for documents."

Bio Lab Dedication

Dr. Thomas H. Brown of Plainfield, president of Union County College, right, and Frank A. Bolden of Berkeley Heights, chairman of the Board of Trustees, unveil plaque dedication the Merck Biology Laboratory at the College's Elizabeth Campus. Also participating in the ceremonies on November 18 were: (L to R) Rev. Donald C. Luster, pastor of Mt. Teman A.M.E. Church, Elizabeth; Joseph M. Fox of Westfield, a UCC governor; Dr. Marion Bonaparte, provost of the Elizabeth Campus; Alfred W. Alberts, vice president, Blochmistry of Merck & Co., Inc.; and Prof. William E. Dunscombe, Jr. of Plainfield, chairman of the UCC Biology Department.



Orange resident receives volunteer service award

ORANGE—Jerome Turner of Orange, Volunteer of the Month of November at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, is all smiles as he works in the Radiology Department. After being diagnosed with cardiomyopathy (heart disease) in 1990 at age 35, he began volunteering at Beth Israel while awaiting a heart transplant. Since beginning his volunteer work, which involves collecting X-ray reports, Turner's physical condition has improved to the point where he no longer requires a heart transplant.



Employees rewarded for perfect attendance

NEWARK—Five employees at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center were honored recently for their commitment and perfect attendance at the medical center. Four of the five winners of the perfect attendance lottery at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center are, from left, Corrine Barrieum, John Venable, Jr., and Earline Hatcher, all of Newark, and Esale Andrews of East Orange. Not pictured is Elaine Joseph, R.N. of Fanwood. All five winners received a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of accomplishment for their commitment to the medical center.

Mayor Cooper appointed to Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation Board

LIVINGSTON—Cardell Cooper, Mayor of the City of East Orange, has been named to the board of trustees of the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation, Livingston.

The Foundation is the education, research and fundraising arm of The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, New Jersey's only certified burn treatment facility. Established in 1967, the Foundation conducts comprehensive burn prevention and fire safety programs for schools and the community. The Foundation also provides counseling and financial assistance to young burn victims treated at The Burn Center and their families.

"We are pleased to have Mayor Cooper become a member of our Board of Trustees," said David A. Wagner, executive director of the foundation. "The Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation will benefit from the Mayor's varied and distinguished career in public service."



Northeast Regional A&T alumni conference

CHERRY HILL—The Northeast Region of North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association will hold its fall conference, on Saturday, December 4th from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Cherry Hill.

According to Emilio Johnston, Jr., Northeast Regional Director, the conference will bring together alumni from the district of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut and New York State.

The conference entitled, "Visions for Empowerment 2000" will focus on a series of workshops and a luncheon program. The main speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. James A.

Hofner, an alumnus of A&T and president of Tennessee State University of Nashville, Tennessee.

Workshops will include Annual Giving/Fundraising led by Dr. Haywood Strickland, vice president and national director of Campaign "2000" UNCE, and Leadership Development led by Robert W. Hoffman, Jr., Human Resources Development Consultant.

A special session on "Racism in the '90s" will be led by Dr. Terry Kershaw, Associate Professor of African-American Studies at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Conference registration is \$25.00. For further information please call 908-238-0036.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Take the initiative and speak

Have you ever passed a stranger on the street who you wanted to get to know, but were afraid to speak to? Perhaps, you saw someone at a party, at work or even at the store, why didn't you speak? You were probably afraid of being rejected. You probably were thinking that your feelings would be terribly hurt if you said hello to that person and the person did not return your greeting.

This fear troubles most people. So, you are not unusual. But, it doesn't have to be as tormenting as you think. The fact that you took the initiative to speak to another person means that you are a stronger person than one who refused to speak to you. There are as many people in this society who want to meet you, as there are people whom you want to meet. But, they are afraid of rejection as you might be. If you continue to be assertive you will eventually be rewarded.

This is the usual unpleasant scenario of the fearful individual: you see someone whom you would like to meet, but because of your fear of rejection you are afraid to introduce yourself. After the person has left, you say to yourself, "Damn, why didn't I just walk up and say hello?" If I ever see that person again, I won't miss the opportunity to get acquainted.

The next day, by sheer coincidence, you see that person again. You think: "I'm not going to miss this opportunity to say hello!" But, damn it, you still cannot find the nerve to break the ice. Another opportunity is missed. You begin to question yourself as a person. You begin to criticize yourself. This situation repeats itself time and time again until one day you get enough nerve to break the ice and introduce yourself.

But, the other person gives you a roll of the eyes and walks right past without even acknowledging your presence. Am I unattractive? Am I inferior? Will I ever have success with people?"

The basic problem in the above example is that you have transferred the problems for the world to yourself. Instead of concluding that the other person is at fault you conclude that the other person is alright, but "I'm the one who is inadequate."

The following are some brief guidelines that you may use to avoid falling into this trap:

1. Evaluate yourself fairly and you will find that you are a person whose good points far outweigh the bad.

2. Know who you are. Be confident in yourself as a person. Maybe one person will snub you. Maybe two, or three or four will snub you. But, there are four billion people in the world. Two hundred and fifty million live in the United States. Surely, your persistence will be rewarded. So, the other person didn't "speak." Does it really matter? Does it really change your life to any great degree? Of course not! So, forget that person and continue to be your wonderful, confident, assertive self.

3. If you really think positively about yourself, you will not care about the opinions of other people. If you really know that you are a superior person who can stand on his/her own two feet, you will not modify your behavior. If you know that a person has the problem and is missing a wonderful opportunity to meet you, you will not change your behavior in the least. If you understand that the opinions of other people can never detract from the fine qualities that you have, you will proceed with your life in a confident manner.

4. Continue to be the first one to speak. You'll soon get your reward.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

NEWARK—Nathan C. Heard, author of "Howard Street," will be the guest lecturer at The Newark Public Library beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Room. The James Brown African-American Room. For more info, call (201)738-7788.

UNION—Newark artist Willie Cole will present a slide presentation of his works "Dream Singers, Story Tellers: an African-American Presence" at Kean College at 8:30 p.m. in the college's Vaughn-Eames, Rm. 112. For more info, call (908)527-2347.

WEST ORANGE—An Edison Family Christmas is the theme as Edison National Historic Site hosts special holiday tours of Thomas Edison's Home, Glenmont from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more info call (201)738-0550.

SCOTCH PLAIN—The African-American Jewish Relations Committee of Central New Jersey will hold a general meeting open to the public at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1391 Martine Ave. For more info call (908) 8800.

JERSEY CITY—James Carney, a Roseland attorney who specializes in medicine and the law, will speak on "Changing Images of the Healing Arts: from 'Dr. Jekyll' to 'Legal Issues'." For more info call (201)200-3393.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

WAYNE—A hands-on workshop designed to introduce teachers to the techniques used in journalistic writing will be held at William Paterson College from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Telemedia Center. For more info, call (201)595-2435.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

PLAINFIELD—"Holiday Open House" at Splendid Framing, 190 East Front Street, featuring Holiday cards, santas, angels, or anyone on your list. For more info call (908) 754-0202.

NEWARK—As part of Latino identity the "Visiones Latinas Dos" exhibition shows by African, Washington works by Latino artists from 2-4 p.m. in the Metropolitan area, located at The Washington Place. For more info call (201)733-3749.

PLAINFIELD—"The Joys of American Christmas Cards" will be heralded at the Drake House Museum's Christmas Open House from 2-4 p.m. with each period room decorated to depict a traditional carol. For more info call (908)756-4489.

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange High School Parent Teacher Association, Senior Parents Subcommittee, will sponsor a Holiday Boutique/Flea Market between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more info call (908)755-4431.

PLAINFIELD—"Holiday Open House" 2-6:00 p.m. at Splendid Framing, 190 East Front Street, featuring Holiday cards, santas, angels gifts for anyone on your list. For more info call (908)754-0202.

NEW YORK—"The Show For Weddings and More" Biggest bridal exposition & party planning event will be held at The Jacob Javits Convention Center, 11th Ave. between 34th and 39th St. For more info, call (212)877-4300.

EAST ORANGE—At the East Orange Public Library 7:30-9:00 p.m. free program "Financial Crisis Management" Sponsored by the Essex County Bar Association. For more info, call (201)266-9600.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

PLAINFIELD—"The Student council of the du Cret School of the Arts announces their 15th Annual Miniature Art Show and Sale to be held in the School Gallery at 1030 Central Avenue. The public is invited to the opening reception from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more info, call (908)757-7171.

NEWARK—Richard Wisley, noted playwright, screenwriter and educator, will present the third annual John Cotton Dana Distinguished Lecture at The Newark Public Library at 2:00 p.m. in the Centennial Hall. For more info call (201)733-7788.

EAST RUTHERFORD—"The 7th Annual Black Dolls, Gift Show & Sale from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Meadowlands, Sheraton Plaza Drive. For more info, call (201) 568-4709.

PLAINFIELD—"The Joys of American Christmas Cards" will be heralded at the Drake House Museum's Christmas Open House from 2-4 p.m. with each period room decorated to depict a traditional carol. For more info call (908)756-4489.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

JERSEY CITY—"The Great Books Discussion Group" meets on Monday evenings, from 6:45-7:45 p.m. at the Five Corners Branch Library, 678 Newark Avenue. For more info call (201)547-4381.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

JERSEY CITY—Native American Johnny Moses will tell stories of medicine and healing arts. For more info, call (201) 200-3393.

JERSEY CITY—"The exhibition 'Status of Loss: Migration, Displacement, Colonialism and Power' will open to the public at the Jersey City Museum.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

WESTFIELD—"The Union County Chapter of NOW will hold its monthly meeting

at 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (nursing school entrance, 2nd floor), 125 Elmer Street, Queens, NJ. For more info, call (908)722-9076.

JERSEY CITY—A program "Kwanzaa: In Celebration of African Traditions and Ourselves," will be held to mark the holiday of "First Fruits" which is held the last evening of the year. It is the Michael Gilligan Student Union Building, Multipurpose Room, Jersey City State College. For more info, call (201)200-3393.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

JERSEY CITY—"A reception, free and open to the public, will be held from 3:00 p.m. for the 'States of Loss' exhibition at the Jersey City Museum.

EDISON—"Londonerry Fair" Christmas Arts & Craft show will be held at the Raritan Center Expo Hall. Professional artists and craftsmen from 20 states with quality American crafts. 10-300 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Lautenberg donates Congressional pay raise to NJ charities

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Frank Lautenberg, (D-NJ) consistent with his commitment to donate salary increases since 1990, made donations this Thanksgiving to New Jersey charities to help turkey, serve Thanksgiving meals, and purchase warm items of clothing for the homeless.

In 1991 and '92, Congress enacted a pay raise for its members, which

Lautenberg opposed. Since then he has donated his pay raise to New Jersey charities. In 1992, he donated over \$25,000 of his pay raise to various charities, including the New Jersey Vietnam Memorial Fund, Hammo Ny House, Eva's Kitchen, the Salvation Army Storm Kitchen, the Newark Boys and Girls Club and New Jersey DARE.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Did New Jersey ministers betray black voters? Did black ministers in New Jersey accept money from the Republican Party to suppress black voter turnout during that state's recent election for governor? That was the question reverberating through the nation recently after a political consultant Edward Rollins claimed his party paid ministers roughly \$500,000 in walking around money to stop get-out-the-vote activities for democratic incumbent governor Jim Florio. Florio lost to republican challenger Christine Todd Whitman. Whitman denied such an effort existed. A group of black ministers expressed outrage at the allegations. And, Rollins attempted to withdraw his statement. But then it was discovered that Whitman's brother had also boasted of an effort to "keep the vote light in certain areas." At week's end, the U.S. Justice Department announced it would look into whether civil rights or voting rights laws had been violated. No black ministers have been specifically accused of receiving money to suppress the black vote, but several acknowledge having been contacted by the republicans. —TRENTON, NJ

Minority voter suppression alleged in New York City: With allegations swirling in New Jersey that the Republican Party paid black ministers to help suppress black voter turnout, there were reports recently that similar tactics by the GOP were used to help defeat New York City's first black mayor David Dinkins during the recent off-year elections. In New York, men posing as immigration officials allegedly intimidated voters in Hispanic districts which were expected to vote heavily for Dinkins. In another tactic, 10 men allegedly pretending to be homeless disrupted voting at a school in predominantly black and Hispanic Bedford-Stuyvesant. The U.S. Justice Department is looking into the allegations. Dinkins narrowly lost to republican Rudolph Giuliani. —NEW YORK, NY

Child molestation charges continue against Michael Jackson: Pop music superstar Michael Jackson recently abruptly cancelled the remainder of his "Dangerous" world tour as he continued to be dogged by allegations of sexually molesting a 13-year-old boy. In a statement from Mexico City, Jackson said the charges and other problems had caused him to become "addicted to pain killing drugs." He said, "My friends and doctors have advised me to seek professional guidance." Earlier a group of Indian activists had pledged to demonstrate at his performance in New Delhi, India because of the allegations. A civil suit, but no criminal charges, has been filed against the 35-year-old Jackson. —MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

"Nigger mentality" remark gets white professor fired: White professor, Gerald Gee, announced in November he would fight his dismissal by predominantly black Florida A&M University. School officials decided not to renew Gee's contract following student complaints that he used the phrase "nigger mentality" during a lecture in September. But Gee says, "I was only making a point. I was not calling a name or using any body." Gee still has one year left on his contract. —TALLAHASSEE, FL

Black gays decide to denounce "man-boy love" idea: The National Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum has announced its opposition to a homosexual group which advocates sexual relationships between men and young boys. The announcement from the Los Angeles-based organization was prompted by the recent intervention of the controversial NAMBLA (North American Man-Boy Love Association). Led by the United States, the United Nations recently agreed to allow the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) "consultative" status at the UN. Then, it was discovered that ILGA members include NAMBLA and a Dutch group which advocates sex between adult men and young boys. The U.S. is now trying to reverse the vote. In its statement, the black gay group said for children and adults to have sexual relations. —LOS ANGELES, CA

Credit building guide published for blacks: A financial guide showing African Americans how to repair and build excellent credit begins national distribution in November. Compiled by the economic self-help group Better Life Club, the 28-page manual details techniques for restoring negative credit profiles and "building a credit lifestyle," says editor James Nathan. The guide is available (\$4.00) from

the non-profit group by writing Better Life Club, Post Office Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. —WASHINGTON, DC

Teen pregnancies rising again: After gradual declines which had lasted for 15 years, a new study finds that the birth rate among teenage girls is once again on the rise. According to the study by the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Population Options, every day 2,700 American teenagers become pregnant. Of that number 1,300 will give birth; 1,100 have abortions, and 300 miscarry. While teens are most likely to have abortions, blacks are in the middle and Hispanic teens are least likely to get an abortion. Numerous other studies have shown that teen pregnancies harm both the educational achievement and economic future of teen mothers and their children. —WASHINGTON, DC

White N.Y. official sees nothing wrong with racial slur: During a recent budget meeting, a 60-year-old white city councilman—Joseph Kover—referred to New York State Comptroller—M. Carl McCall—as "a

nigger from Harlem." When questioned about the apparent racial slur, Kover said he did not think he had done anything wrong because "the definition of a nigger is a black man." Kover, a republican from Deer park, New York, refused to resign. Meanwhile, McCall—the first black to hold a state-wide office in New York—said he was "deeply saddened" by the comment. —ALBANY, NY

Black beauty pageant to admit older women: The first international black beauty and modeling pageant has announced it will break with pageant tradition and accept contestants up to 35 years of age. Normally, beauty pageants target women between the ages of 18 and 25, but "Miss Black World" pageant coordinator Sandra Wells said, "We felt it was inappropriate to place age restrictions on black beauty and talent." The international pageant is scheduled for September, 1994 in Dallas, Texas. For more information, write to Miss Black World, Post Office Box 65001, Wash., D.C. 20035. —WASHINGTON, DC

Mother-son team creates African-American male calendar

NEW YORK, NY—Paul Phillips, a professional photographer and technical director for Tribune Broadcasting in New York, was so frustrated by what he calls "a proliferation of negative media images of young Black males," that he put his motto "Don't get mad get busy" to work. Phillips joined forces with his mother Dorothy Christine Phillips, a 30-year veteran educator, who had been a principal in both Harlem and Brooklyn public schools. Together, the Harlem based mother-son team set out to develop a product that focused on unique, inspirational images of young African-American males.

From The Seedling To The Tree: 1994 Calendar is the product of the Phillips' creative, positive energy. From The Seedling To The Tree, which is independently published by Paul's company Amanda Productions, is a moving black and white photograph calendar that artistically puts a positive spotlight on average young African-American males from ages 18 months to 28 years old.

"It was upset when I saw the study saying that one out of four Black males have been involved in crime," Paul Phillips recalls. "What about the other 75 percent that go to school,

that work in jobs, that help their families?"

From The Seedling To The Tree is a dramatic evolution of photographs featuring young African-American males in an uncommon view. Photographs include "The Seedling" toddler draped in African mudcloth; "Common Cloth" with a quartet of elementary school children sharing a wrap of metallic African cloth; the comestone "Power With Responsibility" quintet of young men in their twenties cuddling a toddler; and "Urban Horsepower" a striking young adult riding trial on a horseback.

"My personal favorite is 'The Emergence' that shows the four young 14-year-old men rising from the ocean," says Dorothy Christine Phillips. "All four of these young men will be 21 in year 2000. These are 21st century men in the making."

From The Seedling To The Tree was a new venture for the mother-son team. "Paul and I are on the same wavelength," says Dorothy Christine Phillips.

"We were born on the same day," adds Paul, who dedicated the calendar to his late father. "I had a strong foundation growing up. My parents were my role models."

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OPINION EDITORIAL

Sticks and Stones

Many remember the good old days when a penny bought a penny piece of candy and one of the prevalent phrases was "Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me."

Maybe we should revisit those words and see how they apply to the condition of African Americans today. Just like in the '40s and '50s, the sticks and stones that confront many African Americans today are in the form of joblessness, underemployment, false education, community redlining, poor health care and more. The recent escalation of violence in our communities where young people are literally dying in the streets and in our school yards continues to "break the bones" of African Americans everyday.

Name-calling continues to pervade our communities as well. Most recently a graphic used in an AT&T publication depicted African Americans as monkeys. Now African Americans are reeling from an allegation that some ministers are on the political take. In both instances, we know that the depiction and allegation are untrue and absurd.

It is great to see the type of mobilization that has come together as a result of the AT&T and NJ election situations. We must ask, however, where is this type of effort when high school youth can't read or when drug dealers hold communities hostage. These are the some sticks that have continued to beat down our communities without so much as a raised voice.

No, we should not take the name calling lightly, but we should not let name calling cloud the substantive issues that need to be addressed with the same vigor and forcefulness. The point is, we are clearly reacting to names while the sticks and stones are destroying our young people, our communities, our will to overcome.

Letter to the Editor

Martinez responds to Scambio's accusations

Dear Editor,

As an elected official, I am not surprised by the many accusations made against public servants. Still, I was shocked to see my name in Robert J. Braun's article on the Newark School Board. No one at the State Board of Education or the "Star Ledger" has been in contact with me in regard to any investigation of personnel practices at the Newark School Board or any involvement on my part. However, I must take exception with comments made by Assistant Education Commissioner Elena Scambio on this issue.

There is an old saying that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones at others. This statement is perfectly suited to Ms. Scambio. In 1970, when I was a police officer in the City of Newark, knowing very little about politics, I was invited to attend a meeting in Newark's North Ward. The meeting, chaired by a young teacher to the Newark School System, was called to get educators in Newark involved in the political campaign for Mayor.

At that time, then Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio was running against Kenneth A. Gibson and Anthony Imperiale. The chairwoman was organizing educators to support the candidacy of Anthony Imperiale. She had an agenda with a well thought out plan and went about the business of getting those in attendance involved in the process.

This meeting was my first knowledge of the fact that educators got involved in the political process. As a police officer, it was not possible for me to do so without taking a non-paid leave of absence from the department. However, as the young chairwoman stated it, teachers, police officers, firemen, and even sanitation workers should be involved out of concern for our city and its future. She organized a series of committees, laid out a fund raising plan, detailed a strategy for rallies and other political actions in support of Mr. Imperiale.

In spite of these efforts, Mr. Gibson won the 1970 election. In 1974, I ran for Council Member in the East Ward, while my colleague from the police department, Anthony Carrino ran for Council Member in the North Ward. Both of us were on non-paid leave from the department. I met the young woman that had chaired the education for Imperiale now in the role as the chairperson of educators for Gibson. She was playing the same leadership role that I had witnessed in 1970, only this time for the re-election of Mayor Gibson.

At no time did I see Louis Turco, Steven Adabato, John Mavilla, Anthony Carrino or Eleanor George, at any of these meetings. The person chairing these meetings was none other than Elena Scambio. Following her successful campaign for Gibson in 1974, she was appointed as a member of the Central Planning Board in January of 1975. If this wasn't enough, she was also appointed by Mayor Gibson in July of 1975 as a member of the Newark Board of Education. Both of these appointments were five year terms of office. Were these appointments political??

From 1978 until 1980, she was the chairperson of the Newark Board of Education's Fiscal Facilities Committee. What happened during her tenure to the Newark school facilities that haunt us today? Prior to joining the State Board of Education, she was the Essex County School Superintendent with some oversight authority over the Newark School System. Much of what is now at issue in the Newark system, took place during her watch at the County. How then is she qualified to investigate these issues now? It appears that since she became politically involved, her career has taken off. She has successfully used her involvement in the political process to advance herself. How then does she qualify to investigate and determine if others are using the same strategy?

Does the State Board of Education have the right to investigate these allegations? Yes, I agree that it does and will cooperate fully. At issue, is Ms. Scambio's qualification to lead this investigation given her history of political activity over the past 23 years, which includes political contributions, fund raising and organizing on behalf of specific candidates.

In my view her investigation will be seen by others as a witch hunt on behalf of political powers that want to influence or control the Newark School System. The integrity of the state's investigation is in my opinion in jeopardy.

It is time for Ms. Scambio to look at her own glass house and remove herself from the process in Newark, before she casts the first stone.

Henry Martinez, Councilman
East Ward



by Connie Woodruff

In the nearly 50 years Terry Richardson lived in Newark, he was more than your average run-of-the-mill resident. Mr. Richardson, who was buried in Queens, N.Y. last week after a long illness, was an active, productive, involved Newark citizen whose service to the community will be remembered and revered.

Like many World War II vets, Richardson settled in Newark after his tour of duty as a Tech Sgt. in charge of radar and as a range section specialist for the 369th AAA he teamed up with William (Bill) Stubbs and together they operated Newark's second black owned used car lot at Howard and Morton Streets, where Terry's trademark became his dark smile and tiny bowtie. They were a perfect match for his gift of gab and fast talking car salesman technique.

It was inevitable Stubbs and Richardson would gravitate toward politics. They lived and worked in the Old Third Ward where black Republicans made a difference in the late 1940s. Their office became the unofficial headquarters for the young men and women challenging the status quo of established GOP "leaders" like the late Prosper Brewer, Mercer Burrell, Touissant Ware and other golden oldies in local politics. After a decade of struggle, Richardson led a successful campaign that elected his friend, Bill Stubbs as Republican chairman of the Third Ward and the pair were off and running as GOP leaders in city and state politics.

Stubbs Auto Sales faded from the business scene in the late

1950's and the owner-partners took jobs elsewhere. Richardson and Stubbs became insurance agents and later joined the ranks of city hall employees before they were plucked for state and county positions.

Richardson was a stationary engineer for the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission in Newark for 28 years, retiring in 1984. He moved to Hollis, Queens where he died two weeks ago. Throughout his life Terry Richardson was never too far from his political roots as standard bearer for the Terry Richardson Civic Association, from where he launched a losing campaign for West Ward councilman.

He was also a founding member of the predominantly black West Ward Civic Association, helped found and served as a trustee and manager of the New Well Narcotic Rehabilitation Center and in the Addonizio administration, helped formulate and run Newark's first Model Cities program.

In later years he focused attention on the status of black health in Newark and served on the UMDNJ Board of Concerned Citizens and the N.J. Association for Retarded Children. One of the first African-Americans to run for West Ward (Newark) councilman, he had been active in the campaign to change the city's form of government that led to the election of the late Irvine I. 'Nene' Newark's first black councilman.

Along with many friends who remember his gregarious personality, wide grin and sly wink, when he felt he had sealed a successful deal, he mourned by his wife, Evelyn, daughter Mrs. Deborah Blackston of Summit,

sister, Mrs. Lena Bell of Hollis, Long Island and grandchild, Richardson's passing closes another chapter in Newark politics.

Last month Essex County Democrats at-large campaigned unanimously for their re-election. Not a peep of discord was noted between Frecholder president Sara Bost, Vice president Jim Cavanaugh, Patricia Sebald and newcomer Louise Palagano. Their survival depended on unity and togetherness.

Well it seems like all that love and affection is a thing of the past as the annual jockeying for leadership gets underway before January 1st, when Frecholders gather for a swearing-in and selection of a board president.

It is not unassumingly that Bost would be happy to serve a third term but there are colleagues who think the mantle should be passed to Jim Cavanaugh. Earlier this year, the Frecholders created the office of Majority Leader, naming Newark Frecholder Joseph Parlevcechia to the post. Much of the power once yielded by the board, now rests in the office of Majority Leader. But since the title still has a prestigious ring, it maintains a certain lure for an ambitious politician. Many of their supporters believe Bost and Cavanaugh have ambition beyond Frecholder.

The outcome of the present dilemma may depend on the outcome of county executive Tom D'Alesio's current case. If it becomes necessary for D'Alesio to vacate the executive's office, it is rumored the Frecholders may tap Jim Cavanaugh as his replacement and vote Bost in for a third term. However, it cannot be determined

at this point whether or not the D'Alesio court case will be concluded.

Meantime, a grassroots movement to support Bost for another term is beginning to stir around the county, but mostly in her hometown of Irvington, where she is a councilwoman. She is rumored to have her eyes set on unseating Mayor Michael Steele when she runs for re-election in 1994.

It should not have surprised anyone that Governor-elect Whitman named Rev. Perry Simmons of Newark to her transition team committee. The minister is in charge of education matters. For better or for worse Rev. Simmons was the first African-American minister to endorse Ms. Whitman and to invite her to address his congregation at Abyssinian Baptist Church. To the victor belong the spoils.

For better or for worse Rev. Simmons was president of the Newark Board of Education, a time when the Newark school system was targeted for a state takeover. In 1993 Simmons declined to run for re-election to the board.

It should not be surprising to hear that Rev. Simmons is working hard to discourage a school takeover. Who will ever forget how vehement was the last Spring when he declared he would not stand idly by for a state takeover. If he still feels as indignant as he did seven months ago, then it is natural to conclude he will use whatever influence he may have to demand that the new governor put an end to activities leading toward a state takeover. The betting among Board of Ed staff members is that Simmons will win. But who knows?

The future lies in our hands

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The increasing concern and demands for solutions to the crime problem in this society, which is negatively impacting the quality of life for all people is being heard all across this country. Additional money has been allocated to build new prisons and to hire more police officers. Politicians are scrambling to be on the "right" side of the issue. Supposedly, election results in places such as New York City, Los Angeles and Virginia were strongly influenced by concerns over increases in crime and lawlessness.

The Brady Bill which had been held hostage for years by the National Rifle Association and the collision of House and Senate Republicans as well as a handful of Democrats, was finally pushed through, (though watered down considerably from the original legislation) because of the general feeling and mood among the electorate that something has to be done to slow down the proliferation of hand guns in this society.

Unfortunately, there are still far too many people who want to isolate the issue of crime and violence from education, health care and other quality of life issues. There are many citizens who come to their local city council or town meetings and scream and rail about the drug and crime problem, expecting that their local leaders can solve these problems in isolation without dealing with education or other social issues. They are willing to pay more taxes to build new jails but they balk at having to spend revenue to build new courts or improve prisons. They could care less that hundreds of studies conducted have clearly shown that it is

"cheaper to educate than incarcerate."

As we head into a new year, those citizens who profess to be concerned about the crime problem which plagues all of us and daily disrupts the lives of hundreds of families, need to decide what kind of society they really want to live in. If we continue to deal with crime, divorce, teen seeing the connection with the other ills that must be confronted such as homelessness, health care, education etc, then people are unconsciously or consciously opting to increasingly move towards a more authoritarian society as we forge ahead into the next century. We can all look forward to being held hostage by the criminal elements of our society, unable to enjoy the kind of life we work hard for. Too afraid to either go out of our homes or to even stay in them and damned either way. Is this the quality of life that we want for either us or our children?

There are those that are willing to now admit that the problem of babies having babies and the breakdown in the family structure has had a devastating effect on our communities. The inequities in the funding allocation for suburban and urban school districts have also been acknowledged by many who previously didn't even want to discuss the issue. But, still, the kind of corrective action that is needed is still being held off, because while there's plenty of talk about how these social problems have caused great hardship in the African-American and Latino communities, there aren't enough whites who see it as a problem for their communities and therefore, people are content to mistakenly believe that America can survive without the contributions of all who make up this society.

Many whites are reportedly very shocked at new data documenting the fact that the social ills of society are causing havoc and chaos in poor white and middle class communities all across the country in higher percentages every year thereby, creating an underclass comprised of people of all races, colors and persuasions. Yeah, we are all sinking on the same ship to the surprise and dismay of many who thought it was just "those people" going under.

President Clinton is reportedly going to place crime, welfare reform and health care as the top priorities on his agenda for the new year. There will be plenty

of debate and an abundance of rhetoric on these subjects from a number of individuals and organizations. Hopefully, unlike what occurred during the Reagan and Bush administrations, these issues will be tackled in a manner that moves beyond the racist, race baiting code words, messages and rhetoric that plays to the worst fears and prejudices promoted and ingrained in this society.

While 1994 is ten years removed from the bleak outlook and predictions for a completely totalitarian society depicted in George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, it is conceivable that we could be witnessing our own "Ocean" in the making.

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PATERSON—The city of Paterson is comprised of a vast amount of different cultures and ethnic groups. Fifty-three different cultural groups reside within the city and are represented in the student population.

Forty-nine percent of Paterson's 24,000 student population is Latino. Forty-three percent of the students are black and eight percent are white, Asian and other. Although the high school students in general interact in a positive fashion, differences among students of various ethnic groups can often cause tension and confrontation.

Discord among high school students does not enhance Paterson's educational program. In order to improve the relationships among and between the different ethnic groups that attend the school, the District of Paterson and Education Fund are sponsoring a symposium entitled "Improving Communication and Understanding in Paterson's Multicultural and Multi-Ethnic High Schools."

The two-day symposium will take place on Wednesday and

Thursday December 1 and 2. Dr. Samuel Betances, a professor of Sociology at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago will be the motivational speaker. Betances has lectured and published extensively in areas related to diversity, social change, gender and race relations, demographic changes and impact of the global economy on group relations in the USA.

The goal of the Wednesday night session is to have Dr. Betances discuss with the adults of Paterson the issues associated with cultural diversity. High School students emulate the behavior of the adults in their lives. Paterson adults must demonstrate that they are indeed sensitive to, and accepting of, the many different ethnicities and nationalities living in the city.

On Thursday, a student forum will be held at John F. Kennedy High School. Approximately 150 Paterson high school student will be selected to take part in a student forum, which focuses on diversity and cultural acceptance. A balanced student group from John F. Kennedy High School, Eastside High School,

Rosa Parks High School, and the Paterson Adult School will participate in a full-day of activities and events.

The forum will begin with a motivational presentation from Dr. Betances. The students will then divide into six discussion groups. The groups will each have two adult co-facilitators. At the end of the day, the groups will reconvene in the auditorium of John F. Kennedy High School and present recommendations concerning improving the climate of the high schools for the district and the high school staffs to consider.

The State District Superintendent will provide the opportunity for a high school staff forum from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Staff will be scheduled to hear a presentation by Dr. Betances in the John F. Kennedy high school auditorium. High school students will be dismissed for one-half day.

The day will conclude with a program entitled "Los Plenarios De La 21," a musical, cultural, historical troupe. The program provides information about the cultural relationships between two Latinos and blacks.

Kraft General foods continues commitment to Newark students

NEWARK—Kraft General Foods/Maxwell House Coffee recently presented a \$20,000 check to the Newark Board of Education for five 1994 high school graduates.

This year's check presentation represents the eighth consecutive year that Kraft General Foods, formerly Maxwell House Coffee, has donated scholarships to Newark high school students. The scholarship amounts during

the eight-year period, including the 1994 recipients totals \$160,000. Bessie Moritz, director, Director of Guidance for Newark schools, stated, "we appreciate the commitment Kraft General Foods/Maxwell House Coffee has demonstrated to the educational development of our young people."

She said the Guidance Division coordinates the review process for ap-

plicants. Criteria include acceptance at one of the Historically Black Colleges that participated in the Kraft General Foods College Fair during the Fall of the year, grade point average of 2.5 or above, financial need, letters of recommendation from guidance counselor and two teachers, transcript of the student's high school record, student essay and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Plainfield youth distribute toys for tots



PLAINFIELD—The children of King's Temple Ministries, will hold a toy giveaway on December 18, at 3:00 p.m. Toys will be distributed until all the toys have been given away. On December 19, the children will host a Christmas Dinner to feed the first 100 people who attend. Dinner will be served at 2:30 p.m. Kings Temple Ministries is located at 121-122 New Street.

Students urged to participate in ACT-SO Olympics

NEWARK—Jackie Lawrence, president of the Newark Branch of the NAACP, recently announced the Newark Chapter's participation in the 1994 ACT-SO Olympics.

ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics) is a national program, sponsored by the NAACP, since 1977 to encourage academ-

ic and artistic achievement through competition among African-American high school students in grades 9 through 12.

The 24 competition categories include science, math, art, music, poetry, dance, drama, oratory and filmmaking. First place winners in each category will have the opportunity to compete for scholarship dollars in the national competition

held at the national NAACP convention in July.

The northern regional competition will be held on March 5, 1994. Any Newark youth interested in competing should contact the Newark NAACP Office at 201-624-6400. All applications must be submitted to the NAACP Office at 402 University Ave., Newark, NJ by December 31, 1993.



RAHWAY—Union County Judge Rudolph Hawkins Jr., of Plainfield reads to Mrs. Andrew's 2nd grade class at Franklin School, during Children's Book Week, held November 15-19.

KIDS Kalendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

FLORHAM PARK—AA celebrating its 50th anniversary is sponsoring a poster program encouraging students to learn basic traffic safety rules through poster design. Posters will be evaluated at both the state and national level. Poster contest rules and applications may be obtained from AA New Jersey Automobile Club at (201) 377-7200.

TRENTON—Soil Conservation Agencies Sponsor 1994 Conservation Essay and Poster Contest. "Living and Working in Harmony With Nature" is the theme of the 1994 contest sponsored by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Open to students grades 4-12. For more info, call (609) 292-5540.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will be sponsoring a film program at 4 p.m. For more info, call (908) 757-1111.

ENGLEWOOD—Yousa music program held every Thursday 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the YOUSA CENTER 19 Humphrey Street, Englewood, NJ For more info, call (201) 894-1866.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

WOODBRIDGE—"All Aboard At Barron Junction" at the Barron Arts Center will be the host of an exhibit of model trains. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call (908) 834-0413.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

PLAINFIELD—The first annual Children's Multicultural Book Fair will be held at the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 232 East Front Street. For more info, call (908) 758-3838.

NEW YORK, NY—At the Children's Museum of The Arts, 72-78 Spring Street. Mixed Media Watercolors—create a new watercolor technique in this workshop that experiments with a vari-

ety of materials and mediums. For more info, call (212) 941-9198.

NEW YORK, NY—Jazz at Lincoln Center continues with Wynton Marsalis' Jazz For Young People Concert, Alice Tully Hall 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. For tickets call (212) 721-6500.

NEW YORK, NY—WINTERFEST at Madison Square Garden. Special events include an in-line skating exhibition, a sing shot contest, a mountain bike testing course, snowboard simulator, and a 20-foot climbing wall. For ticket info, call (212) 465-1421.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

EAST RUTHERFORD—The seventh annual Black Dolls, Gift Show & Sale at the Sheraton Meadowlands, Sheraton Plaza Drive, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, call (201) 988-4709.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library sponsors Multicultural Holiday Stories at 4 p.m. For more info, call (908) 757-1111.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will host a LVA Workshop from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. For more info, call (908) 757-1111.

JERSEY CITY—"Origami Lessons," for children ages 8-12, are held every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the Five Corners Branch Library, 676 Newark Avenue. For more info, call (201) 547-5804.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

JERSEY CITY—"The Frog Prince," will be shown at the West Bergen Branch of the Jersey City Public Library, 476 West

Side Avenue at 3:15 p.m. For more info, call (201) 547-5804.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

MADISON—A special holiday treat for young audiences, "When You Wish Upon a Star," will be performed in Dreyfuss Theatre, FDU Madison at 2 p.m. For more info, call (201) 593-8620.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library Richard Stillman's Holiday Troubadours Come celebrate the holiday spirit with the tradition of multi-talented Troubadours. "Sesame Street" and the Jim Henson puppets at 1 p.m. For more info, call (908) 757-1111.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

NEW YORK, NY—Sesame Street Live presents "When I Grow Up" at The Paramount for 33 performances at Madison Square Garden. For more info, call (212) 307-7171.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

MADISON—Fairleigh Dickinson University's Children Theatre Series will present a special program, "Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol," at 2 p.m. in Dreyfuss Theatre For more info, call (201) 593-8620.

MADISON—At Fairleigh Dickinson University, "Crabgrass Puppets' Christmas Carol" to be held in the Dreyfuss Theatre of FDU's Raritan-Medford Campus, at 2 p.m. For ticket info, call (201) 593-8620.

NEW YORK, NY—At the Children's Museum of The Arts, 72-78 Spring Street, Sand Painting. Learn the art of painting with sand. Create imaginative designs using glue and colored sand. For more info, call (212) 941-9198.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

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Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

NORTH PLAINFIELD—42nd Annual Antiques Show and Sale at The Church of The HolyCross, Washington and Mercer Avenues from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

NEWARK—The Hansbury Avenue Block Association (HABA) will hold a overnight prayer vigil, to "renew the human spirit and stimulate the spirit of community activism." To be held on Maple Avenue (between Chancery & Hansbury Aves.) at 8:00 p.m. For further information call (201) 705-9414.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

SOUTH PLAINFIELD—The tenth annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 201 Hamilton Blvd. For more info, call (908) 754-2386.

NORTH PLAINFIELD—42nd Annual Antiques Show and Sale at The Church of The HolyCross, Washington and Mercer Avenues from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—Annual Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Christmas Fair to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 716 Watchung Ave. For more info, call (908) 756-2485.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

SUMMIT—The Concord Singers will present their Winter Concert 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587

Springfield Ave. For more info, call (201) 835-8676.

NORTH BRANCH—A Handel's "Messiah" Sing-Along, in which the audience is the chorus, will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Ravinia Valley Community College, on the main stage of the Ed Nash Theatre in this campus. For more info, call (908) 725-3420.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEWARK—The Leo H. Smith, Sr. Foundation, will kick off Interfaith Expo '93 at its 17th annual award dinner & fashion show, 7:00 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place. Vendors from NJ and PA will display their product and services. For more info, call (201) 399-9270.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

NEWARK—Jazzin Records artist, Joy Foster of Plainfield is scheduled to perform her unique blend of jazz, r&b, and African rhythm styles at The Son Set Cafe Rhythmic Jam at 3:00 p.m. For more info, call (201) 429-8527.

NEWARK—The Leo H. Smith, Sr. Foundation, Interfaith Expo '93 at its 17th annual event, 10:00 a.m. There will be a gospel fest, food, fun, entertainment, shopping, seminars, guest speakers and much more, at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place. Vendors from NJ and PA will display their product and services. For more info, call (201) 399-9270.

Health care reform: its importance to the African-American community

by Walter D. Broadnax

"When America catches a cold, the Black community gets pneumonia." The kernel of truth in that old saying is magnified in the current debate about health reform. You could say that America's health care system is due for major surgery, health care for African-Americans is in the intensive care ward.

The truth is, every major health care problem facing this nation is exacerbated in black America. From TB to teen pregnancy. From violence to AIDS. From too many babies dying to too many senior citizens not having enough to eat.

And in the face of these exploding health problems, African-Americans are less likely to have health benefits. Currently, over 20 percent of African-Americans have no health insurance coverage at all. And many who do are one pink slip

away from disaster. Losing or changing jobs often means losing your health insurance. Becoming ill or having a chronic medical condition too often means losing coverage, or not being able to obtain it in the first place.

And when so many Americans have inadequate health insurance, or no coverage at all, clinics get overcrowded, and emergency rooms

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Bethel Presbyterian celebrates 109 years

PLAINFIELD—Bethel Presbyterian Church known as the small church with a big vision, will observe its 109th Anniversary beginning Sunday December 4 through Tuesday December 7th. The anniversary celebration begins with a Sunday Morning Worship Service with guest minister, the Rev. Richard K. Giffen, Executive Presbyter of the Elizabeth Presbytery. The anniversary observance is entitled, Renewal, Revival, Rebirth—comping ion Changing times." High-

lighting the celebration will be two days of revival services, on Monday and Tuesday, December 6th and 7th. The Revival will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald Hilliard, Jr., pastor of the Cathedral-Second Baptist Church of Perth Amboy.

Dr. Hilliard has been credited with improving the quality of life of the citizens of Perth Amboy. Since he became pastor of Second Baptist in 1983, he has increased the church membership from 125 to 2,500 and he has successfully completed construction renovation of the

historic Majestic theater in downtown Perth Amboy for the church's new building known as "the Cathedral."

According to Rev. Robert T. Newbold, Jr., interim pastor of Bethel, "we are fortunate to have both Rev. Giffen and Dr. Hilliard to lead Bethel in its 109th anniversary. Both of these ministers will be able to articulate our theme as we continue to minister the word of Christ to Bethel's congregation." For further information please call 908-757-5390.

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

NEWARK—UMDNJ-University Hospital Celebrates World AIDS Day: "A Time To Act" Discussions about AIDS, free health screenings and informational displays are among several activities planned at University Hospital in Newark. For more info, call (201) 982-7083.

SUMMIT—A directory of entirely smokefree restaurants in New Jersey has been published by the Group Against Ego Smoking Pollution (GASP). More than 125 restaurants are listed. For free directory call (908) 723-9222.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City College Workforce Center will hold a free "World AIDS Day" program, series of lectures, and legal education night, 32 College Street. For more info, call (201) 200-3169.

JERSEY CITY—S.T.A.R. Theatre, an educational health troupe that is the key-stone of the Mountain State Adolescent Health Center's HIV/AIDS Prevention Program will perform "On the Edge" at Jersey City State College. For more info call (201) 200-3436.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

BELLE MEADE—"Psychiatry and the Workforce" is the subject of a medical lecture at Carriar Foundation, Route 601. For more info, call (908) 281-1481.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

WESTFIELD—TB, AIDS, STDs & Hepatitis: Medical Complications of IV Drug and Alcohol Use" will be the topic of a seminar, 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, Inc. at its office at 300 North Avenue East. For more info, call (908) 233-8810.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

EDISON—"Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis" at Roosevelt Park. For more info, call (908) 283-4900.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

BELLE MEADE—Find out about "Kids and Self-Esteem" 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. in the Atkinson Amphitheater at Carriar Foundation, Route 601. For more info, call (908) 281-1515.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

JERSEY CITY—JCSO presents a lecture on "Holiday Blues and How to Avoid Them" will be speaker, Ms. DeAngelis at 12:00 p.m. at Jersey City State College. For more info, call (201) 200-3169.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

WAYNE—"Health Care Reform in New Jersey: One Year Later" will analyze the effects of the 1992 New Jersey Health Care Reform Act on various parts of the community. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Totowa. For more info, call (201) 596-2436.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is offering a supermarket tour at the Springfield Shoprite from 1:00-3:00 p.m. For more info, call (908) 654-9854.

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The saints and the queens ring in the holidays

NORTH MIDDLETOWN—The Rutgers University Queen's Choral, a women's collegiate choir, will join the churches of Saint Catherine and Saint Joseph in an Advent and Christmas Carol Sing-along on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. (St. Catherine's) and 7:30 p.m. (St. Joseph's).

The audience will be encouraged to develop their Christmas cheer and join in the singing of familiar carols, accompanied by the exciting arrangements of the music ministries of St. Catherine's and St. Joseph's Churches, and the Rutgers Queen's Choral.

The event is under the direction of Steven Russell, director of the Choral, and Father Jim Conover, pastor of St. Catherine's. St. Catherine's can be reached from Highway 36 by taking Thompson Avenue into North Middletown. St. Joseph's is between Maple Place and Lloyd Road, near Highway 35 in Keyport. It can be reached from the Garden State Parkway southbound at exit 117A, or northbound at exit 117. For further information, contact the Queen's Choral office at 908-932-7352.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

JERSEY CITY—A Jersey City State College Jazz Ensemble Concert will feature the JSC Jazz Band and JSC Jazz Combo at 8:00 p.m. in Margaret Williams Theatre of Hespurn Hall. For more info, call (201)200-3151.

WESTBURY—Spend an evening with Bruce Hornsby when the Harbor Lights Jazz arrives at the Westbury Music Fair at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call (516)334-0800.

DECEMBER 2-4

MONTCLAIR—"Inspecting Carol," follows the antics of a bankrupt acting company and their inept performance of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." 8:00 p.m. at Montclair State College. For more info, call (201)655-5112.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

NEWARK—"A Mother Cried For Her Children" A Gospel Musical Drama Play at 8:00 p.m. at the Deliverance Evangelistic Centers, Inc. (lower auditorium), 621 Clinton Ave. For more info, call (201)676-2352.

DECEMBER 4 & 5

NEWARK—"A Mother Cried For Her Children" A Gospel Musical Drama Play at 3 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Deliverance Evangelistic Centers, Inc. (lower auditorium), 621 Clinton Ave. For more info, call (201)676-2352.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

NEWARK—"The Masterwork Christmas Orchestra will present its annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 4 p.m. For more info, call (201)931-0998.

JERSEY CITY—"The Jersey City State College Orchestra will perform at 3:00 p.m. in Margaret Williams Theatre of Hespurn Hall, on the College Campus at 2038 Kennedy Boulevard. For more info, call (201)200-3428.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

NEW BRUNSWICK—"At the George Street Playhouse a journey into the mind of a young student with multiple personalities, in the world premiere drama "Tangents" by Elizabeth Hansen. For more info, call (908)246-7717.

MANHATTAN—"The Manhattan Theatre Club invites you to Charlayne Woodard's "Pretty Free" 8:00 p.m. at the Sylvia and Danny Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College, 65th Street. For more info, call (212)645-5500/136.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

WAYNE—"Fare of Horror and suspense are in for a treat when the Theatre Department at William Paterson College stages "The Merchant" at 8 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts on campus. For more info, call (201)955-2371.

DECEMBER 9-11

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NORTH PLAINFIELD—In recognition of Kwanzaa, the American holiday celebrated from December 26th through January 1st that pays tribute to the rich cultural roots of Americans of African ancestry, Fabric Land of North Plainfield will present a "Kwanzaa Fashion and Fabric Show" at its store on Route 22 West on Tuesday evening, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. The show, will feature fashions for men, women and children, is free and open to the public.

The program will be commented by Jackie Robinson, a fashion designer from Plainfield. Her unique creations of colorful garments incorporating African fabrics, appliques and accessories, will be highlighted in the show, along with

some of the newest African fashions to sew featured in the McCall Pattern Company designed by Emeaba Emeaba, a popular African designer. A collection of the best looks for Kwanzaa from Homeland Authentics, the largest importer of African fabrics, will also be included in the show.

"The batiks, kente cloth and tie-dyed fabrics of Africa have been in

great demand," cites Bruce Heyman, manager of Fabric Land. "The colorful designs and lively motifs give African apparel widespread appeal."

The store sells fabrics imported from Senegal, Nigeria, Kenya and the Ivory Coast and provides sewing patterns from all the major companies.

Dressing for Kwanzaa parties in African fashions represents a celebration of culture and pride among black Americans who are becoming more Afrocentric in identifying with their roots. Kwanzaa is neither a religious, political, nor heroic holiday, but rather a cultural one. It is based on seven fundamental principles which serve as guides for daily living. These include unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperation, purpose, creativity and faith. Its symbols are instructive and inspirational objects that represent and reinforce desirable principles, concepts and practices.

For further information about Fabric Land's Kwanzaa Fashion and Fabric Show and other free events at the store, call 908-755-4700.

by Janice Malone

This edition of the scoop is as complicated as any television soap opera. It involves a NBA superstar, a Harlem Globetrotter's wife, an aspiring singing group, lots of money, a divided family, and some boxing, boxing promoter Don King even has a spot in this scenario.

This story begins in Houston, Texas, with three young men, all high school students, who formed a singing group called 9.9 Richter. The trio performed at various small functions and soon realized they needed a manager. One of the group's members asked his aunt, Cynthia Dixon, wife of Harlem Globetrotter, Reginald Dixon accepted the proposal and a contract was signed, according to Ms. Dixon under her management, the group began appearing on local TV shows. She recalls buying them stage outfits, created their first promotional packages and paid for their recording studio time demo tapes, in pursuit of them getting a possible record deal.

"Paying for all of this was very expensive," recalls Ms. Dixon, "I sold some of my jewelry, we moved out of our condo, and I eventually even quit my job in order to devote more time to their success, because I believe in their talent." The group's expenses soon began to take a serious financial toll on the Dixons, so Cynthia says she approached one of the NBA's top players (who plays with an east coast team). The NBA star and his wife have been very close friends of the Dixons for several years. In fact, Ms. Dixon says, "one of my younger sisters was a frequent baby-sitter for (them)."

"This particular player and his wife were both fully aware that I

had been managing the group, so when I asked him about investing in their career, his exact words were: 'I'll get on it right away,'" recalls Dixon of their conversation. Meanwhile, she says she booked the group to perform at the grand opening of the new Alamodome in San Antonio, this past May. "Boxing promoter Don King attended the gala event and after seeing the group perform, he was so impressed with them that he invited them to perform at one of his upcoming boxing events. A few months later the NBA player invited the singing threesome to his big birthday bash. We thought it would be a good idea for them to attend because it (would be) filled with major celebrity guests from the music industry. So I thought this would be a good chance for them to meet contacts to get a record deal."

After the group returned home Dixon claims she noticed a "dramatic change in their attitude" toward her. "They started to distance themselves from me and treated me differently. I couldn't understand why. But, another one of our friends, who plays with the NFL and his wife, kept telling us that I needed to talk with the Basketball player. But that's all he would say. He just kept dropping that hint to me."

When she finally talked to the basketball player, she soon discovered that her group had formed a deal to be managed by his production company! The group's name had been changed, and they were now being directly managed by one of Ms. Dixon's sisters! "I was totally in shock, my own sister had conspired against me with this NBA player to take over my group," Dixon further alleges that the NBA player has spent large sums of money on various members of her family, including her mother. "I believe he's doing this in order to get their support for how

he and my sister took my group. It's obviously working, too, because our whole family is totally split over this whole mess. And, most of them are on his side."

According to Dixon, the singing trio is scheduled to appear on "Showtime at the Apollo" later this year. The group's new manager says she was present the night they won the show's local talent contest. She recalls, "I was told later that night that my sister, their new manager, had bought tickets for several people who were standing in line outside the club, and asked them to cheer for (her singing group) when they got inside. It was very apparent, too. It was as if they had their own personal cheering section. And, from the beginning of the school year the boys were often picked up from school in a limousine, not to mention the sharp school clothes they now have. There's talk that the NBA player has given them \$10,000 (each)."

"These kids are from poor families, so they're understandably overwhelmed by all of this. I don't really fault them. But, I'm surprised at my own nephew. When I first started managing them, there were several times when my nephew had to come to my house to take a bath because the water was turned off at his house! I've really tried to stick by this group, and now look at how they've betrayed me. I simply can't compete with the expensive perks that this player's money can buy them. I don't understand why this basketball player would do this. He has it all. He's one of the NBA's top players' he has money, fame—everything, plus the fact that he and his wife were our dearest friends."

Look for more details on this controversial story in weeks to come. The NNPA and the NAEP are not responsible for the contents of this article.



Jackie, with her daughter wearing a sleek pants outfit accented with African batik fabric at the yoke and sash. Camille is wearing a vest design created by her mother made in a colorful geometric African kente cloth. A coordinating headband completes the look.

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SOMERVILLE—A twelving ceremony entitled, "Love Lights A Tree," will be held in front of the Somerset County Courthouse on Main Street. For more info, call the Somerset County Treasurer's Office at (609) 723-7863.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

NEWARK—First Friday Group, Inc. African-American Business Networking invites your participation at the Newark Airport Hilton Hotel, 1170 Spring Street (Rts. 1 & 9 South, Service Road) 5p.m. - 1:00a.m. For more info call (201) 483-6458.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is offering a full day financial seminar on Mutual Funds from 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., at 200 North Ave., East. For more info, call (908) 654-9854.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

TRENTON—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents Grow Smart and Start Right! Build Right! seminars. Offered at the Law Offices of Hannah Weisman, 50 West State Street, Suite 1400. For more info, call (908) 707-1213.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on Buying and Selling a Home from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square, (off Ryders Lane) For more info, call (908) 249-5000.

MONTCLAIR—The Red and The Black: Local Governments Can Improve the Bottom Line. 7-9p.m., at Montclair State College. For more info, call (201) 655-7576.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

TRENTON—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents Grow Smart and Start Right! Build Right! seminars. Offered at the Law Offices of Hannah Weisman, 50 West State Street, Suite 1400. For more info, call (908) 707-0173.

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The EDGES group honors Women of achievement

NEW YORK—Five African-American women were recently honored by the Edges Group, Inc., at its 20th Annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Marriott Marquis Hotel.

This year's honorees are Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-Chief of Essence Magazine; Dr. Antonia Novello; former Surgeon General; Dr. Nura Surdakasa; President of Lincoln University; Hazel O'Leary; Secretary of the Department of Energy and Dr. Mae Jemison; astronaut. According to Edges President Walter Verrease, "Each of these outstanding and multifaceted women epitomizes this year's theme, *Through the Glass Ceiling, Women of Achievement*." Representatives were present on behalf of O'Leary and Jemison who unfortunately were unable to attend the scholarship luncheon.

Luncheon Chair and Vice President Jacqueline Gates said, "Since its establishment in 1969, the Edges Group has kept its pledge to pay tribute to those who have made a difference in corporate America."

According to Gates, this year's honorees hail from diverse backgrounds and professions and are more than worthy of such recognition.

Susan Taylor has been Editor-in-Chief of Essence Magazine since 1981. Under her guidance, Essence has increased its readership to over 5 million people. Ms. Taylor has served as host of the Essence television program and has globalized the scope of the magazine to address issues affect-

ing African Americans throughout the diaspora.

Dr. Surdakasa is President of Lincoln University, the nation's first university for African Americans. She is an educator and scholar. During her time at the University of Michigan, before taking on the highest position held at Lincoln University, she was the first African-American woman to be awarded tenure. Other firsts include becoming full professor in arts and sciences, head of an academic center and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Antonia C. Novello is currently the Special Representative for UNICEF for Health and Nutrition for women, youth and children. Prior to her position with UNICEF, she was the first woman and the first Hispanic to serve as Surgeon General, during the Bush Administration. Dr. Novello is board certified in pediatrics and has worked in private practice.

Hazel O'Leary is the first woman and African-American to serve as the country's Secretary of Energy. After her appointment by President Clinton, she has taken a proactive stance on improving the way the Department of Energy does business. Ms. O'Leary oversees issues dealing with streamlining operations and discovering alternative sources of energy. She is the first Surgeon General to support a nuclear testing moratorium.

Dr. Mae Jemison is the first African-American woman to experience the mysteries of space. She is a chem-

ical engineer, a scientist, and a physician. Dr. Jemison recently founded The Jemison Group, a company that researches, develops and markets advanced technologies to benefit people residing in third world countries.

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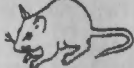
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Who's #1? Nobody knows!

College football in dire need of playoff system

by Mark Prioleau

The mythical national championship of college football is alive and well. The advent of the bowl coalition of two years ago, who's purpose was to match up a number one versus number two game for the national title, hasn't exactly worked to perfection. Yes, #1 Nebraska will play #2 Florida State for the national championship in this year's Orange Bowl. Sounds simple enough, the winner is your national champion. The only problem is that opinions vary as to who should be ranked #1 and #2. This is how it works, pay attention now:

There are three polls which rank the top division I-A college football teams in the country; the Associated Press poll consisting of members of the media, the USA Today-CNN poll consisting of the football coaches, and the Bowl Coalition poll which is derived from the combined results of the AP and coaches' poll. Are you with me?

Now, the Florida State Seminoles (11-1) are ranked first in the AP poll, but third in the coaches' poll, giving them a #2 ranking in the Bowl Coalition poll, which is the one that counts. Nebraska (11-0) is first in the coaches' poll, second in the AP poll, and first in the coalition poll. So the

Cornhuskers are numero uno, for now, and will play Florida State in the Orange Bowl for the national championship, because remember #1 must play #2. I say that the Cornhuskers are #1 for now because in Nebraska's last six bowl games, three times they have met Florida State, all of them losses.

But wait a minute! The West Virginia Mountaineers are (11-0). They have had a terrific season beating Miami, who lost to Florida State. But the Mountaineers also beat Boston College, who beat Notre Dame when they were ranked #1. And Notre Dame beat Florida State when they were ranked #1 in the Bowl Coalition poll.

the one that counts. By the way, West Virginia is ranked #3 in the Bowl Coalition poll, the one that counts.

So we know that Nebraska and West Virginia haven't lost a game and that Florida State has lost one game. Uhhmm? So why don't Nebraska and West Virginia play for the title since they are the only eligible bowl teams that haven't lost a game? Because Florida State is a better team than both of them combined and Seminole Head Coach Bobby Bowden has never won a national championship in over 20 years of coaching despite having a winning percentage amongst the best in the country since 1988. This year, Florida State opponents have a combined record

of 77-57 whereas Nebraska's opponents together are 56-52-3. Clearly, West Virginia foes are 56-63-2. Clearly, Florida State plays a much more difficult schedule than both West Virginia and Nebraska combined.

Everybody knows that Florida State is the best team in college football. Yeah, they lost a game on the road against Notre Dame, but they also beat up Miami, Florida, North Carolina, and a host of other ranked teams while Nebraska was beating up on I-AA North Texas and winning by the hair of their chinny-chin-chin against a much less talented Kansas squad of a year ago. West Virginia feasted on the likes of Maryland and

Temple, two of the worst I-A teams in college football.

I hear where West Virginia's coming from. They didn't lose a game in the Big East Conference, which has proved to be one of the toughest conferences in college football, beating perennial power Miami, and Boston College, who at the time were fresh off an upset win against #1 Notre Dame. Even though the Mountaineers are still very much in the championship picture of at least sharing the national title if they beat Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl, they still should be given a chance to control their own destiny and win it outright.

The only way that will ever happen is if there is a playoff system. One-on-one, head-to-head, the loser goes home, the winner moves on. A tournament playoff system is what makes college basketball so much more exciting than college football. Remember when Villanova upset Georgetown in 1985 for the national championship? Outstanding! Isn't it more climatic when the winning team can cut down the net in basketball knowing that they are exclusively #1, or when you pick up the paper the next morning to find out who biased journalists and coaches voted for national champion?

Health care reform

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serve as waiting rooms of last resort for people who can't get care any other way. Clearly, black America has a bad case of the health care blues. And clearly, we have a vital stake in reform.

The centerpiece of President Clinton's Health Security plan is our commitment to provide health care security to every single American. The Clinton plan says: Switch jobs or start your own business—you'll still be covered. Lose your job—you'll still be covered. Get sick—you'll still be covered. And you won't be penalized with skyrocketing premium increases the way it is now. In fact, you'll always know the full cost of your coverage.

Under our plan, you will receive a comprehensive benefits package that includes doctor and hospital care, as well as prescription drugs. You'll get preventive services such as mammograms, prenatal care, immunizations, and dental care for your children. You'll have a choice of doctors and plans, and you'll be able to switch if you're not satisfied.

For older Americans, our plan

will strengthen services. We'll provide Medicare coverage for prescription drugs, and we will create a new home care program for older Americans, and for people of all ages with disabilities. And for the poor, the Health Security plan ushers in a new era of equity. Medicaid beneficiaries will carry the same Health Security Card carried by all Americans. They will get the same benefits, and the same high quality care. The plan contains specific language to eliminate a two-tiered system and discrimination in the delivery of care. Of course, as Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders likes to say, "A health security card doesn't mean anything if people don't have access to quality health care." To assure that access, we're going to provide more support for the clinics making a difference in your neighborhood. We're going to provide more funding for school-based health services.

And, by supporting the education and practice of culturally diverse caregivers, we're going to increase the numbers of African-American

health professionals in both urban and rural areas. Currently, African-Americans make up only about 3.6 percent of America's doctors and dentists and only 7 percent of registered nurses, even though we comprise almost 12 percent of the population. We can do better, and we will. Finally, the plan we've developed is based on an old-fashioned African-American value: responsibility.

The plan says to doctors: We'll start to shape-up the malpractice system and cut your paperwork, but we're going to ask you to keep costs down. It says to employers: We'll control your health care costs, but we're going to ask you to pay a portion of your workers' insurance costs. And it says to all Americans: We'll provide you with health security and comprehensive benefits, but we're going to ask you to contribute to your health care and take more responsibility for your health. The Health Security plan is a good deal for the country. And it is a must-do for African-Americans.

Mr. Broadnax is the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Paramount takeover

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reward for discrimination and misrepresentation.

Members of both organizations allege that TCI has a "string of broken promises with respect to the FCC's EEO policies and is the worst discriminator in the telecommunications industry."

In their petition, they further allege that "TCI's record manifests not only disregard for the Commission's rule and insensitivity to a direct national problem, but also a propensity toward misrepresentation, that is relevant to the FCC's consideration of either a short form or a long form application. Accordingly, the application filed by QVC also raises momentous issues with respect to competitiveness, diversity and non-discrimination. Of all the companies involved in this transaction, only Telecommunications, Inc. has had a history of serious anti-competitive behavior."

The petition also states that the NAACP and LULAC have "thoroughly researched the antitrust and EEO performance of each of the Commission regulators involved in both proposed tender offers for Paramount's stock attempts, before deciding whether to oppose one or both of these offers."

Officials of both organizations emphasized that the FCC's Tender Offer Policy was meant to "facilitate transfers to companies that would take over broad-

cast properties for the purpose of operating these facilities in the public interest. Its objective is not to make it easier for corporate raiders to 'traffic' in broadcasting licenses."

Dr. Gibson, stated that "this petition sends a clear signal to the telecommunications industry that African-Americans must be fully included at all levels in the information society. We intend to pursue this issue until full justice is done."

According to José Velez, National President of LULAC, "Hispanics are no longer content to remain invisible and ignored by the media. LULAC intends to participate as an active partner in the telecommunications technological revolution to insure that Hispanics play a prominent role in its development."

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Executive Director and CEO of the NAACP, stated that "economic inequality sustained by a systematic pattern of racial discrimination, as evidenced by telecommunications, Inc., can no longer be tolerated in a democratic society. The NAACP and LULAC filed this 'Petition to Deregulate' with the Federal Communications Commission as a definitive step forward in our historic mission of ensuring racial justice and economic equality."

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1. Trenton (9-0)
2. Ocean Township (10-0)
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4. Hackensack (9-1)
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9. Long Branch (10-0)
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